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## THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Their People, Resources, Products, School System and Churches.



HERE being a treaty before the United States now which, if adopted will secure for the United States the Hawaiian Islands as a territory the following article clipped from the Kansas City Star will be of interest. The article, however, does not state of what benefit this territory will be to the United States and to the general public it seems as though we have just about as much use for these islands as a cat-fish has for an umbrella.

Hawaii is a group of islands, eight in number, covering an area of 6,640 square miles and, according to a census taken in 1890, containing a population of 99,990. The names and dimensions of the several islands which comprise the group are Hawaii, 100 miles in length and ninety in width; Maui, fifty-four miles long and twenty-five wide; Kahoolawe, twelve miles long and five wide; Lanai, twenty miles long and nine wide; Molokai, thirty-five miles long and seven wide; Oahu, thirty-five miles long and twenty-one wide; Kauai, thirty miles long and twenty-eight wide, and Niihau, twenty-nine miles long and five in width.

The natives are of the Malayo-Polynesian race, of a reddish brown color, with black, straight hair, broad face, flat nose and thick lips. At the time of Captain Cook's first visit to the islands in 1778, they were in a barbarous state. Polygamy prevailed among the chiefs and the rulers and the moral tone was of the lowest. Human sacrifices were common and the form of their idolatry was severe, cruel and bloody, while cannibalism was among their vices. But what is the most surprising with regard to these people is their decadence in number as they progress in civilization. They have better food, better clothing, better dwellings and the improved service of a better civilization, yet the native population of at least 200,000 in 1778 has been reduced to 34,436 in 1890. This is accounted for by one authority on the hypothesis that the blood of the race has been poisoned by the introduction of foreign diseases, and by other inquirers on the theory that crime, neglect of offspring and the lack of maternal instinct among the women is responsible.

The principal products of the islands are sugar and rice, though coffee, hides, bananas and wool are produced in sufficient quantities to become subjects of export. In 1896 a treaty of commerce was concluded between the Hawaiian kingdom and the United States which had a marked influence on the trade, and was of especial advantage to the islands. It provided for the free entry of the agricultural products of that country into this and the reciprocal admission of the manufactured products of this country into that. As a result, the greater portion of the commercial transactions of the islanders are with this country. Steamers run between the islands and America, Australasia and China, and the total exports in 1895 amounted to \$8,258,000, against an import trade of \$5,714,000. The total customs receipts in 1895 were \$547,000, the number of ships entered being 318, and the aggregate tonnage 337,847 tons.

The revenues for 1896 amounted to \$1,879,528 and the expenditures to \$1,982,409, a close margin, but ample. The currency is gold and silver, gold coins of the United States being legal tender for all sums over \$10 and silver coins of the United States for amounts under. The only paper money they use is treasury certificates for coin actually deposited there.

The capital of the country is Honolulu, which is also the metropolis of the islands. It is situated in the island of Oahu and contains a population of about 75,000. In 1892 there were 168 schools on the islands with 392 teachers and 10,712 pupils, of whom 5,353 were Hawaiians. The appropriation for schools for 1892-94 amounted to \$200,600. All forms of religion are permitted and protected, and the population of worshippers is about equally divided between Catholics and Protestants. The islands are to a considerable

able extent mountainous, and in some measure volcanic, though that feature is decreasing.

Branch Engine Blows Up. Saturday morning at 9:25 while branch train No. 336 was just this side of Bazine, passengers and train crew heard a loud explosion and noticed clouds of steam floating by the car windows. However, the train kept on running, and the train crew supposing that the water gauge glass had blown out, made no investigation. After the train had traveled about two miles and had come to a slight up grade just west of Alexander the engine gradually slowed down and finally stopped. Passengers and train crew then made an investigation and discovered the fire box door blown off its hinges and also that Fireman Richard Jett and Engineer C. A. Deming were not with the train. When this fact was discovered the train crew accompanied by several of the passengers started back along the track in search of the missing men. They had proceeded scarcely half a mile when they met the men coming toward the train though they were so badly injured that they had little idea of what they were doing.

The men were taken to the car and medical aid summoned from this city, Dr. S. J. Shaw going up on the engine which was sent up to bring the train to this city.

An examination of the injured men disclosed the following injuries: C. A. Deming, engine—Legs horribly scalded and shoulder blade broken.

Richard Jett, fireman—Legs scalded shoulder blade broken in two places and internal injuries which make his recovery doubtful.

Engineer Deming says: "I remember hearing an awful explosion and seeing the cab fill with steam and then all is a blank for, I suppose, about twenty minutes. Then I came to and found myself lying on the prairie at the side of the track and was suffering excruciating pain. I finally managed to get on my feet and found Jett and together we started along the track toward Alexander. We walked about a mile and a half and met the train crew coming up the track looking for us. How we got over the ground from the scene of the explosion until we met the train crew I do not know as we were both so dazed we hardly realized what we were doing."

As nearly as can be learned the explosion was caused by an old plug in the fire box blowing out, thus letting water and steam in on the fire. Jett was resting some easier Sunday and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Erick Cole says the report that he is to orate at Kingman the fourth is a mistake. Erick expects to attend a high school re-union at LaCrosse, Wis., on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Patterson celebrated their tin wedding last Tuesday evening. The party was an entire surprise on Pat although he recovered in time to take light refreshments which were served during the evening.

Sam Brounger says that if Floyd Nelson continues driving his mules in his sleep he will have to pay him double wages. It rather seems to us as though a man should have double wages when he drives mules both night and day.

Chas. Lundblade has rented the room facing on Forest avenue and lately occupied by the Misses Brown as a millinery store and has had the alleyway between that building and his present store enclosed thus giving direct connection between the two stores. This will give him the room that his rapidly increasing business demands.

A movers wagon passed through this city last week that was decorated in a peculiar style. Both sides of the wagon were covered with scriptural quotations and on the back appeared this warning "Hasten! Death is on your track." The driver was undoubtedly from Missouri and was headed west in the hope of escaping the cyclones which make that state their playground.

Newton is having trouble with the contractor who is putting in the new system of water-works. He agreed to employ Harvey county men at \$1.30 per day but now says that unless the men will work for 75 c per day he will import dagoes from Chicago to do the work. The Harvey county men refuse to work for 75 cents and the contractor has wired to Chicago for the dagoes. "Prosperity" goes marching on!

## ELLINWOOD'S TRAMPS.

They Work the Farmers, Organize a Harvest Hand's Union and try to Capture a Train.



HE tramps have been making life a burden for the people of Ellinwood for the past two weeks and the record of their cussedness shows that the people of Ellinwood were, if anything, too lenient in their dealings with the "weary Willies."

About two weeks ago, so Marshal Klien says, the tramps came in large numbers saying they were hunting work in the harvest field. When the people heard of their laudable intention they offered no objections to their staying in the town and cheerfully trotted to the back door five or six times per day in answer to the knocks of the tramps and of course supplied them with "handouts." The tramps had been with the Ellinwood people four or five days when the farmers began coming in hunting for harvest hands. The tramps would then meet the farmers early in the day and with a smile of gratitude would agree to work for very low wages, some of them accepting as low as \$1 per day.

This great bargain would naturally elate the farmers, and as a result the farmer and his soon to be employee would seek a summer's drink shop and one drink would naturally be followed by another until finally the farmer would get ready to go home. This is the point where the tramp would get in his work by doing the vanishing act and the farmer would be again hunting harvest hands.

This continued for three or four days until the farmers finally caught on and refused to bite. The tramps then organized a Harvest Hands' Union and of course elected officers. After the election it was found that the tramps had secured all the offices and the few, poor, misguided, honest laborers who had been worked into the scheme were simply members. After the election the officers of the union got together and decided that no union man should accept a job for less than \$2.50 per day.

The union then began to carry things with such a high hand that the citizens organized a posse and drove most of the tramps from the town and broke up the union.

After this everything was peaceable and quiet until last Wednesday when upon being refused a ride on the Santa Fe freight, the tramps drew guns and attempted to capture the train. However, they were unsuccessful as the train was backed into Ellinwood and a posse again organized and started after the tramps. The posse finally succeeded in capturing two of the tramps and they were placed in jail. When searched they were found to be well armed having, besides revolvers and knives, several dynamite caps, fuse and a full kit of burglar tools. They were held in jail a couple of days, but were finally released, the railroad company refusing to prosecute. When they were released the marshal deputized several of the citizens and, with blacksmokes and clubs, they proceeded to clean the town of the tramps—about twenty-five being driven from the city.

Towards the last the tramps kept most of the women pretty well frightened at least for a night or so. One of the tramps, who was undoubtedly a cocaine fiend, got very wild one night and proceeded to the east end of the town where he ran several women from their houses and made himself decidedly at home. During the proceedings the man of the house returned and the tramp proceeded to run him back down town.

It really seems as though these worthless characters who would not work when they had the chance got off entirely too easy though their departure was undoubtedly for Ellinwood "a good riddance of a bad nuisance."

However, Ellinwood was not the only town afflicted with these undesirable characters as reports from other towns indicate that the state is at present bountifully supplied with these pests, though in no other town did they attempt to carry things in such a high handed way as they did in Ellinwood.

Now that the sugar barons have secured their desired gift from the Senate they have retired in favor of the wool men.

Why is it that a newly married woman will always weep when her husband tells her this or that is not cooked as mother cooked it?

It is pretty safe to say that no man is as much of an angel as his wife represents him to be when she is attending an afternoon hen party.

The Boston Traveler is the latest of the old influential papers of the east to come into the silver camp. What did the "Prosperity" organs say about silver sentiment dying?

ALTHOUGH the first wave down the Koen ditch was not a Hanna wave it will do much more to bring prosperity to Barton county farmers than will the much talked of Hanna wave.

We notice that Speaker Reed has just finished an article for the American Review on "How the House does Business." Judging from the record for the past month the article will contain about three words, namely: Met and Adjourned.

The Garden City Sentinel in giving an account of an "Old Maid's Auction" says that they were knocked down at the judiciously small price of twenty-five cents per head. This may be cheap in Garden City, but in this town of beautiful maidens that price for old maids would be considered something immense.

As long as Reed is speaker of the House why not put the Republican congressmen to work as clerks in the various departments at Washington. This would save the government money and, judging from the way Reed bosses the Republicans, would not in the least impair the usefulness of that branch of Congress.

SENATOR HANNA, of Ohio evidently has not found that "wave of prosperity" which he said would be along this spring as we notice by the press dispatch that he has cut his miners wages and now asks them to work for 54 cents a ton, which is the lowest price ever paid in the district in which his mines are located.

A CLOSE examination of the Dingley tariff bill shows that high duties have not been placed on everything. The people of the United States can at least import arsenic and prussic acid free. They are also permitted to bring in all the acorns they wish, dried or undried. But if they are ground they will have to pay duty. There is no duty on moss agates or alizarin, either natural or artificial, or unmanufactured amber or ambergris and there will be a great rejoicing to discover naphthalene is free. Annatto, recou and ashes are exempt from duty, also the Balm of Gilead and beeswax. Stuffed birds may be admitted without duty if they are not suitable for millinery ornaments, and there is no embargo on catgut or books for the use of the library of congress.—Parsons Palladium.

Helps to Happiness. Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels but they are out of place in real life.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself. Learn how to tell a story. A good story is welcome as a sucker in a sickroom.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the ear-ache or the rheumatism.

Learn to meet your friend with a smile. The good humored man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere, and is a nuisance as well.

Do not measure your wheat until it comes from the threshing machine. You will then be agreeably surprised at the good yield.

W. H. Lee, of Howard, Kans., is visiting friends in this county.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

C. N. Johnson is in Colorado Springs for a two weeks visit.

F. M. Litchfield made a business trip to Lyons last Friday.

Miss Blanche Nimocks returned from Lawrence Friday.

Prof. Hennessey is spending the summer vacation at Canton, Kansas. Dick Williams, of Heizer, was doing business in the county capital Saturday.

H. H. Holmes was visiting his family in this city the last part of last week.

Denn and his pop wagon relieved the thirsty citizens of Hoisington last Friday.

We notice that E. C. Cole is down for the Fourth of July oration at Kingman, Kansas.

We understand there is some talk of a telephone system for this city in the near future.

Mrs. Sarah Chesholm, of Eudora, Kans., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Robin Foote.

Frank Millard, of the north side, was transacting business in the county seat last Saturday.

The social given in the park by the King's Daughters last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair.

Frankie Green has announced his intention of working in the harvest field. Now laugh. Will you?

Miss Nellie Dodge is spending the summer with her aunt Mrs. M. N. Jones, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

G. W. Shaffer who has been visiting Col. Greene of this city returned to his home at Shaffer Kansas last Saturday.

Western and southern Missouri were visited by disastrous hail and wind storms the latter part of last week.

Some of the farmers who have late wheat are experiencing some difficulty in securing the necessary harvest hands.

Saturday was a very quiet day in town as most of the farmers were too busy harvesting to take time to come to town.

Samson Perry, the New York Store rustler, threw up his harvest job because the tan was ruining his complexion.

Miss Julia Wesley returned from Newton Friday where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Dora Stevens. She brought Mrs. Stevens' little girl back with her for a visit.

Reports from Mexico, Mo., say the wheat crop in that section of the state is almost an entire failure, the crop being six million bushels short of last years crop in five counties.

Grant Bend will celebrate although our celebration will not be an elaborate affair, still it will remind the people that the Fourth of July is with us. The Ladies of the city have decided to hold a small celebration in the park on the evening of the 3rd. They will have a program full of patriotism besides serving ice cream and cake.

The Santa Fe company have compromised with Wichita county on their bonds and are tearing up the branch track between Scott City and Selkirk and moving the depots away. LaCrosse is making an effort to capture part of the track and one of the depots and thus secure communications with the Santa Fe by getting a road from Rush Center.

What was probably the worst hail storm in the history of Kansas visited Topeka last Thursday night. Hail weighing fully a pound and measuring fourteen inches in circumference fell accompanied by high winds. Many persons were injured and one or two had their skulls fractured by the falling stones, while nearly all the buildings came out of the storm short many window lights.

Barton county's wheat crop is now an assumed fact and although the yield will not be fully up to expectations in both quantity and quality still when compared with the crops of the past four years it is immense. The extreme hot weather of the past 10 days followed by the hot wind of last Saturday damaged the wheat some, especially the late wheat, shriveling the berry and making it a poor grade. However we are thankful to say this damage will not be so great as many suppose and probably the general average of the crop will not be over 5 or 10 per cent lower than the anti-harvest predictions.

E. R. Moses spent Thursday in Hoisington.

Miss Frances Klein returned from the Strip the first of last week.

Miss Elvora Fry, of Villa Park, Colo., is visiting friends in this city.

John Brier of Topeka is here looking after the harvesting of his wheat crop.

The weather was so hot last week that it soured the water in the stand-pipe.

Mrs. T. T. Smith, of Kansas City, is here visiting her father, A. L. Whitcomb.

Miss Lizzie Wildgen of Hoisington spent last Friday visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. S. B. Giddings left for an extended visit to her old home in Connecticut last week.

Allison Bro's, uptown coal office is resplendent in a new coat of yellow paint and a brand new sign.

Mrs. Ella Fitts returned the latter part of last week from Ottawa, reporting a good time at the Chataqua.

Master Earl Moses gave a birthday party to some of his friends Friday afternoon. He was fifteen years old.

Wm. White, of near Olmitz, was in the city Saturday securing repairs for his binder and preparing for harvest.

Roy Putnam, the south side farmer, has thrown up his farming job and accepted a job in a Newton barbershop.

Although Dad Delaplain is a hustler with the sprinkling cart the dust rather got the best of him last Saturday.

Mrs. G. L. Chapman and Miss Lillian Brinkman are in Ann Arbor, Mich., attending the wedding of their cousin, Miss Fisher.

"Oh, yes! This is a fine country," remarked a drummer last Saturday as the wind-blew the eagle off of a quarter he held in his hand.

Twenty-five hours late in three successive days is not a bad record for the branch train. However, this is not a good example to emulate.

A new tailor came to town last week and is staying at the home of John Rohn. Mother and baby are doing well while John is on the improve.

It is safe to say that when the temperance people of Topeka beseeched Leedy for water they did not desire it in the shape of one-pound hail stones.

Andy Meyers is now "papa," and it's a boy of regulation weight. Andy says although the boy cannot vote he is right in the push when it comes to shouting.

Since the residents of "Sleepy Hollow" have discovered that they have not a single heir to the Barnato fortune they realize what a really small town Larned is.

Henry Nordman of Olmitz was a county seat visitor last Saturday. Henry says that wheat around Olmitz is fine and that the yield will be a record breaker.

W. F. Klein and wife, of Ellinwood, were in this city last Friday. Billy says the tramps are keeping him busy, and gently intimates that he is earning his salary as marshal.

The city council of Abeline have passed a curfew ordinance which puts the children in the house at 9 p. m. and the old folks at midnight. Abeline citizens must be tough people.

Colorado strawberries are on the market. However, not being as fortunate as W. D. Wilkinson, of the Ellinwood Advocate, we can not say whether they are good or bad.

While many different people make a practice of cleaning the cobwebs from the editors mind on many different subjects no one has yet given us any points on the usefulness of the fly.

Let everybody help the ladies with their Fourth of July celebration in the park next Saturday evening and then later we will have a Grand Harvest Home Picnic in which every one in the county can take part.

A 300 acre field of wheat near Dartmouth caught fire from sparks from a passing Santa Fe train last Friday and was entirely burned. This field was the property of Manglesdorf Brothers of Ellinwood and was just ready for harvest.

The English people are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's coronation. As the reign of Queen Victoria has been a reign of prosperity it is small wonder the anniversary is made the occasion for a great celebration.